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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Peter Knappe et al.
Serial No.: 10/018,923
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For: BACK-FLUSHABLE SPIRAL
WOUND FILTER AND METHODS
OF MAKING AND USING SAME.
Group Art
Unit: 1723
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 17, 2003, to which a shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on December 17, 2003, please amend the claims as set forth hereinafter.